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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Group Art Unit 1742

Examiner: Ip

Application No.: 10/073,386

Filing Date: 02/12/2002

Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR SOFTENING A SELECTED
PORTION OF A STEEL OBJECT
BY HEATING

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Respectfully requested is an extension of time for filing a response during the second month following the expiration of a shortened statutory period.

Applicant is a small entity. To cover the fee for the two-month extension, we enclose herewith our check in the amount of \$210.

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Respectfully submitted,

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